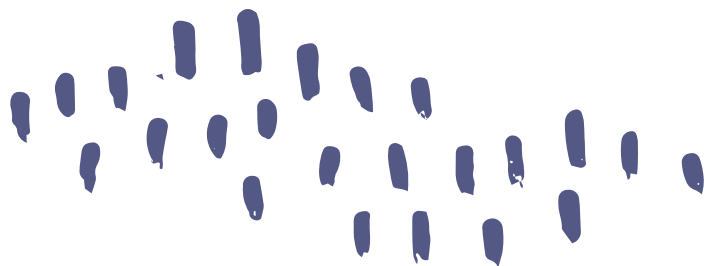


For Good & Blessing



Leviticus, Numbers, &
Deuteronomy



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Intro

Hello!

Thank you for your desire to read the Bible and to know Jesus deeply. Time in God's Word never returns void. I can assure you with complete confidence that God will be faithful to you as you seek Him. There is nothing as fulfilling, exciting, and life-giving as walking with Jesus!

I hope that through the pages of this book you will read the Bible to encounter the Almighty God. That you will know what He did, but also who He IS! My prayer is that you won't just come away with information, but that you will be different. That you will be a disciple of Jesus Christ and a light shining in a dark world. A radical lover of Jesus who will listen, hear and obey the Holy Spirit.

A listen, hear, and obey lifestyle will turn your world upside down in the best way! Welcome God's power into your everyday life as you seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness!

No matter who you are or who you were, Jesus loves you.

If you were raised a Christian or not.

If you wandered away or stayed faithful.

If you are the worst person you know.

Jesus STILL loves you.

He leaves the ninety-nine for the one, friend. If you are a wandered away one and you have this book, you better believe that Jesus has come after you because He loves you! If you've cooled off and you're living lukewarm, repent and get ready to be on fire for the King of kings and the Lord of lords!

I was a wandered away one. I'm no one special, but I can tell you that God calls ordinary people. You're going to meet plenty of unqualified people in Scripture that God equipped and used in mighty ways for His glory. If you're a nobody, you are EXACTLY who God is looking for.

For and because of the LOVE of Jesus

♡ *Meghann*



Symbol Guide



Go through this section before you begin your study time



Use this space to write the verse at the top of the page or pick a single verse to work on throughout the month.



Use this section to write any personal notes or observations as you work through the reading.



One key theme or take away to focus in on from the reading.



A built-in reminder to take time to praise and worship the LORD. Praise is essential. Read 2 Chronicles 20 and Acts 16:16-40 for powerful examples. It is also the single best way to fix our eyes on the LORD and to remember why we want to spend time in the Word - and immense love and reverence for God!



Word studies take you back to the original languages. The Old Testament was originally written in Hebrew, the New Testament in Greek. You will need to use a tool like studylight.org or Blue Letter Bible app for this. Go through and define each of the words on days when multiple are listed. Note the Scripture context for days when one word is studied, and Scripture references are provided.

The Complete Bible in a Year Outline



Old Testament	Month 1	Genesis and Exodus
	Month 2	Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy
	Month 3	Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel
	Month 4	1 & 2 Kings, 1 & 2 Chronicles
	Month 5	Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther, Job
	Month 6	The Book of Psalms
	Month 7	Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs
	Month 8	Isaiah and Jeremiah
	Month 9	Ezekiel, Daniel, and the Minor Prophets
New Testament	Month 10	The Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
	Month 11	Acts + Paul's Letters
	Month 12	Hebrews, James, 1 & 2 Peter, 1,2,3 John, Jude, Revelation

Keep in mind as you read the Old Testament, the Hebrew Scriptures, this is what Jesus read and taught. It is a large portion of the Bible and is essential to understanding the New Testament. It is what the New Testament Church studied and tested everything to. As you read, allow God to teach you and reveal the truth from His Word. The OT and NT are deeply connected. The OT prophecies much of the NT, and the NT quotes much of the OT.

*This study covers month 2. I intend to continue creating the subsequent months in similar fashion, Lord willing.

Day 1

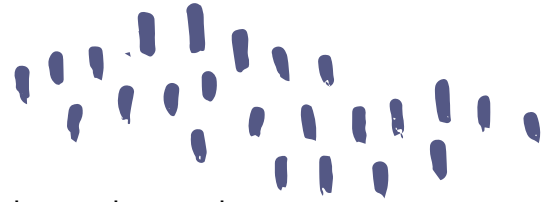
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Leviticus 1-3



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Spend time praying.
 - Acknowledge God as holy and worthy.
 - Invite the Holy Spirit into your study time.
- Ask God to help you to listen, hear, and obey.



WRITE THE WORD

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Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "I Love Your Presence"
by Let Us Worship



Notes

The first 5 books of the Bible are often called The Torah. Torah is the Law of God. Often we think of Torah as being all of the laws we are going to start reading. While this is true, the Hebrew word Torah actually is first found in Genesis 26:5. Please look up Genesis 26:4-5 and record who followed God's laws (Torah) and what the result was.



Study Questions

1. What different kinds of offerings were the Israelites to bring?

2. What were the different ways the grain offering could be prepared? What was not to be included? (Leviticus 2-11)

3. Leviticus 3:17 says the people were not to eat fat or blood. Look at Acts 15:20. What is repeated for Gentiles as they are first turning to the LORD? Observe also Acts 15:21. They would have had the opportunity to learn the things we are studying now.

God's laws that He gave His people were not haphazard or pointless. He gave the commandments He did because He had a plan for how He wanted to be worshiped. He knew the snare that the nations around Israel would be to them, and He wanted to keep them from sin and false god worship. He wanted to bless them, but that required their obedience and cooperation with His ways. Forgiveness could never be obtained through the sacrifice of the blood of bulls and goats, that is why God sent the perfect Sacrifice. Jesus Christ the Righteous. The need for forgiveness must acknowledge a standard that someone is failing to meet. When we say that we have sinned it means that we have broken God's Laws and Commandments. Our forgiveness comes through the sacrifice of the precious Lamb of God, but we must acknowledge that we have fallen short of God's glory and standard. God's laws show our desperate need for Salvation. When we fail to obey, Jesus is our sacrifice and justification. Please read 1 John 3:4-6 "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him." These verses define sin as breaking God's Law. Please keep that in mind as we go through the rest of the Torah.

Day 2

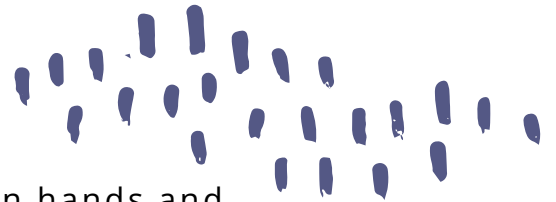
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Leviticus 4-7



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Psalm 119:137.
- Ask God to give you clean hands and a pure heart.
- Pray that God will show you ways to seek first His kingdom today.



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Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Protector"
by Kim Walker Smith



Notes

Today in Leviticus we read about the sin offering. We touched on how Jesus came to be that for us yesterday. Please look up Hebrews 10:1-18 and explain how Jesus changed the sacrifice.



Study Questions

1. Look at Leviticus 4:3-27. What different people/groups of people are named separately? Which sin offering was each to bring?

2. Who was a portion of the sacrifices used to support?

3. Becoming unclean seems to nearly happen just by being in the world. So many things could make the people unclean. Look at John 13:5-11. What did Jesus say about the status of the cleanliness of his disciples? Whom was He saying was unclean? Was this outward or inward uncleanness?

There are at least 5 different offerings mentioned in Leviticus. Perhaps it will surprise you to know these are not all the same Hebrew words for the offering. If you read the chapters we read today in Hebrew the word "offering" really isn't there for several of the "offerings". Each Hebrew word encompasses the idea of the offering, yet they are distinctly different. In Genesis 4 Cain and Abel brought offerings to God. The Hebrew word used in Genesis 4 is what is used in Leviticus for the Grain Offering. In Genesis 8, Noah offers a burnt offering to the LORD. A burnt offering is also what Abraham went to offer Isaac as when the LORD provided a ram in his place.

It is fascinating to know that these offerings to the LORD appeared at the very beginning of God's story. These were not new ideas that came with the giving of the Law.

Pay attention to the variation in the offerings as we read through the remainder of the Bible. Notice how and why each is used.

Read Romans 12:1. Be willing to live your life as a living sacrifice to God, knowing that His ultimate sacrifice freed us from the bondage of sin!

Day 3

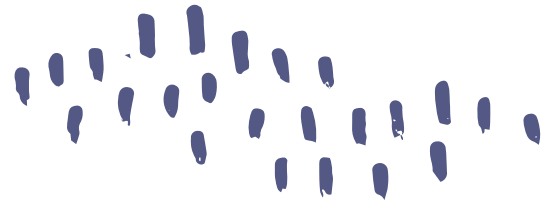
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Leviticus 8-10



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. (Ps. 122:6)
- Praise God for His righteous rules. (Ps. 119:164)



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Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Gratitude"
by Brandon Lake



Notes

Who were Nadab and Abihu? Why did they die?



Study Questions

1. What had to be gathered for Aaron and his son's ordination? (8:1-4)

2. Where did Moses put the blood from the ram of ordination on Aaron and his sons?

3. Where did Aaron and his sons have to stay and for how long? (8:33-36)

4. Describe what happened in Leviticus 9:22-24.

5. What were Aaron and his sons not to do when they went to the tent of meeting? Why? (10:8-11)

There's this temptation to think that God was unjust or harsh in putting Nadab and Abihu to death. Yet God is holy. Read Leviticus 10:3 again. He was and is insistent upon being treated as who He is. An awesome, set apart, honorable, mighty, and powerful Creator and one God. Lest we fall into the lie of thinking this was the God of the OT, allow me to remind you of Ananais and Sapphira. (Acts 5) They died for trying to lie to the Holy Spirit AFTER Jesus died for our sins. The death and resurrection of Jesus changed so much, but make no mistake Jesus did not die to bring down the holiness and mightiness of God!! May we never think so. When we sing things like "I am a friend of God" may our hearts never put God on our level, but always exalt Him, honor Him, and fear Him for our good and the good of our children after us.

Day 4

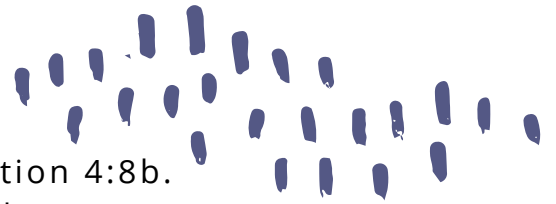
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Leviticus 11-14



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Praise God with Revelation 4:8b.
- Pray Matthew 24:20, "That your flight will not take place in the winter or on the Sabbath".



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Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Mountain of the LORD" by Joshua Aaron



Notes

Clean vs. unclean animals- The first mention of this is in Genesis 7. The LORD draws a distinction between types of animals. Please look up Genesis 7 and write the context of clean animals versus not clean animals.



Study Questions

1. What was the purpose of distinguishing between clean and unclean animals? (11:47)

2. What kind of offering was a woman to bring when she had a child? Read Luke 2:22-24. Who kept this law? What did she bring and what does that tell us about Mary and Joseph based on this law?

3. Today we see this idea of blood and oil on the right earlobe, right thumb, and right big toe repeated. Who were these actions commanded for in Leviticus 14? Were they the same for the well-off and the poor?

I am unwilling to bring all of God's laws down to practicality. To do so would be to bring God down to our level and understanding. However, good parents make rules to protect their children. I teach our children not to play on the road, not to touch the stove, and many other practical "laws", if you will, to keep them safe. We also have rules about sharing, rules about limits on certain enjoyable things such as treats and games. We have rules about how our children speak to us, rules about how they interact with one another. None of those rules are because we don't like them. None of the rules are to create a miserable existence for our children. Rather, we exert great energy and time to teach these because we love them. Because we want to see them safe, healthy, flourishing, and most importantly, loving God and others. God is a good Father. Many of His instructions and rules are practical. They are for health, sanitation, and to make His people set apart. Long before any scientist concluded that washing was a good idea, God had already told those who obey Him to wash. He gave them very wise times to wash, times that would keep them from getting sick and from spreading sickness to others. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge. How much heartache can be saved when we obey!

- An extra section is included in Leviticus 14.

Extra- Lev. 14

When something is not abundantly clear in Scripture I use caution in sharing it. You can find as many opinions on different parts of Scripture as there are people. I believe most who dig into Scripture and share it have the noblest intentions. We love Scripture and we want others to connect with and value it as well. I have to be honest, when something stretches outside of the validated zone, I file it in a different category of my brain. It is interesting, but not necessarily Gospel truth. That is where I would ask you to put what I am about to share. I believe it is fascinating, but I am not confident beyond all doubt to share this as absolute truth, and you will notice why. It does cause one to ponder something that is otherwise a very odd command. Through many of the sacrifices, we can see a foreshadowing of Jesus. Some are blatantly connected in Scripture, such as Jesus being our Passover Lamb. This one does not have that kind of clearly stated connection. In Leviticus 14 we read this interesting commandment for a person who has been healed of a defiling skin disease, which is often translated as "leper". (This is what happened to Miriam when she spoke against Moses.) The priest is to take two birds, cedar wood, scarlet yarn, and hyssop. One bird is to be killed over a pot of fresh water. The other bird and elements are to be dipped into the blood of the first bird and then sprinkled over the person who was healed from leprosy. Now here's where it gets interesting. The elements with the live bird may be present at Jesus' crucifixion. Undoubtedly, at least two+ of them are. If the wood of the cross was cedar (which many believe it was), they would be present. Some foreshadowing of Jesus is obvious, some a bit more subtle. You will have to decide for yourself on this one, here are the Scriptures to get you started. Thankfully, there is no question that Jesus died for us, that He is our atoning sacrifice and our deliverance from the slavery of sin!

Please look up these verses and write the connections to Leviticus 14.

Matthew 27:24-25

Matthew 27:28

John 19:28-30

Day 5

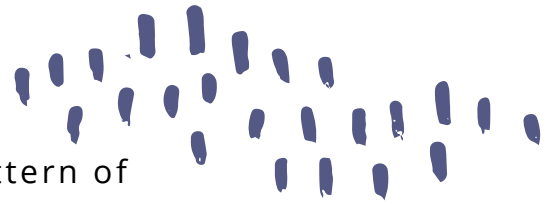
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Leviticus 15-17



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Worship God in the pattern of Revelation 4:11.
- Ask God to speak clear promises to you and His calling on your life.



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Numbers
6:22-24



🎵 *Worship*

Please listen to and worship with "Throne Room"
by Kim Walker Smith



Notes

Often we think of the job of priests as purely "religious". What other practical roles have you noticed that they held for Israel? These were priestly duties because God said they were. You could consider them religious because of that, but they also held a high degree of technical skill. (Think about sacrifices and examining people.)



Study Questions

1. What day was the high priest allowed into the Holy of Holies? For what purpose?

2. How many goats were brought on the Day of Atonement? What happened to them?

3. Please look at Leviticus 16:20-22, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:4-6, and 1 John 1:9. How does Jesus satisfy the requirements of both goats?

4. What were the rest of the requirements for the Day of Atonement for the people of Israel? (This day is also called Yom Kippur in Hebrew.)

5. Read 1 John 2:1-2. What does John say Jesus is? Who is Jesus the atoning sacrifice for? The goats in Leviticus were just for Israel. Jesus's sacrifice is for the whole world, for all who will believe and confess their sins to Him!

I hope these connections we have made between Jesus, the NT, and the OT bless you and excite you! We do not serve a God of the New Testament only but of the entire Bible. The God of Creation, the God who gave His Law, and the God who sent His Son are one and the same. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. We cannot have a flippant attitude about any part of Scripture rather, we should study to show ourselves approved. (2 Tim. 2:15) When we know the Scriptures the Holy Spirit will convict us, speak to us, lead us, and teach us through them. The LORD is faithful to connect His Word and show us Himself from Genesis to Revelation.

Day 6

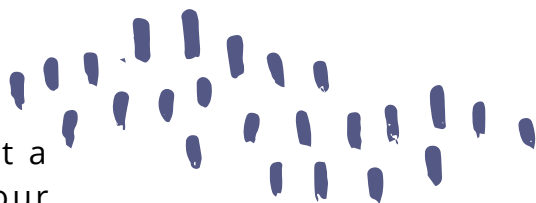
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Leviticus 18-20



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the Lord will set a guard over the door of your mouth. (Ps. 141:3-4)
- Pray 2 Peter 1:3-5.



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Numbers
6:22-24



🎵 *Worship*

Please listen to and worship with "The Blessing"
by Kari Jobe



Notes

Look up Matthew 22:36-40. What did Jesus say the greatest commandments are? If all of the other commandments depend on these two, we can expect them to tell us how to obey these and to agree with them. Remember the parable of the Good Samaritan. Our neighbor is not just the people we enjoy.



Study Questions

1. Many of these laws feel "written on our heart" as Jeremiah said they would be. List a commandment we read today that feels that way to you.

2. Please read 1 Corinthians 5:1-5. This agrees with Leviticus 18:7-8. What is Paul's response to this? Does he insist that we have grace and tolerate this among believers?

3. Sometimes we think that the Bible tells us we should never make any determination about actions to take about another person's sin because it is judging. However, it is important we take these verses to heart. God does have standards of how people should behave and those standards did not disappear with Jesus. Have you ever experienced sin in the Church that was allowed to run rampant without being checked? How did this impact your faith? Remember that as challenging as these situations are, we must forgive because Jesus forgave us.

4. "For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 6:23
What punishment do many of the commands we read today come with? Jesus took that upon Himself for us.

Sexual sin is something God does not desire for His people. He knows the pain and disfunction that it brings. There are varieties of sexual sins that are prevalent in our culture. Our standard should always be God's standard. We should not allow our views to be watered down or tainted by culture. We should recognize all sin as sin and call it for what it is. Only when we acknowledge our sin is Jesus able to be faithful and just to forgive us that unrighteousness. We do no one any favors when we console them in their wickedness. The correct, Biblical, and God-fearing approach is the full Gospel. The love of Christ surpasses all understanding that calls us to repentance.

Day 7

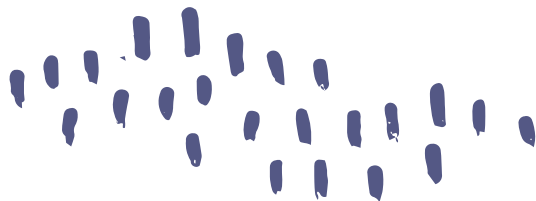
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Leviticus 21-23



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Worship God for the splendor of His holiness. (Ps.96)
- Pray that you will value what God values.



WRITE THE WORD

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Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Zion"
by Aaron Shust

My daughter has Down Syndrome. I pondered long over the section of the rules for priests with defects and their inability to approach the curtain or the altar. I realized something as I prayed and pondered this. My view of God often still defaults to harsh. However, the Holy Spirit pauses me and reminds me to ask God why in those moments. I believe compassion for the individual is a part of these commandments. God certainly has standards, but I also believe He loves and values people. Please read Leviticus 21:22. What did God provide for those with defects? Notice the very last sentence in verse 22. "I am the LORD who makes them holy".



Sabbath

I could write so much on Leviticus 23 that it could be a study of its own! In fact, there are entire studies on the LORD's feasts! I highly recommend spending more time studying them. My goal today is that you have a Biblical overview of the Sabbath. It is rich, beautiful, full of Jesus, and good for us! May I encourage you to not ask, "Do I have to?" And rather to joyfully exclaim, "I GET to!"

I want to share a bit of my own testimony. My hope is that you will understand why I honor the Sabbath and why I believe it is a blessing for all believers regardless of family heritage.

I did not grow up honoring the Sabbath, We attended church on Sunday for much of my life and I only had a vague idea of what the Sabbath even was. I definitely only knew of it to be Sunday and had no idea that resting was a part of it. (Perhaps Little House on the Prairie would have been one of my primary exposures to the idea of rest!) My parents were saved when I was a baby and were very dedicated to the LORD and to following Him. I went to a Christian school for a large portion of my education. My parents were always studying the Bible on their own and with us. That did not stop when I became an adult. To this day we talk about God's Word! When I was an adult, my mom and I had a conversation where she asked me why people obey the rest of the 10 Commandments besides the fourth of resting on the Sabbath. I immediately responded with certainty that we did not have to. (I was exposed to enough greasy grace I am fairly confident I thought I could do whatever I wanted to and just be "saved" and "make it" into heaven.) Anyway, something within me sparked, and I was determined to prove to my mom that we did not have to honor Sabbath day and to set her at ease that we were not disobeying God. Except, when I opened my Bible and studied Sabbath from Genesis to Revelation, I had a startling discovery. I too did not understand why we did not do it?! I remember talking to my parents and explaining that after studying it, I was absolutely certain I ought to do it. That began my auditing of what I thought I knew and believed. It turned out there were many things I was pretty confident I knew, when in fact Scripture proved me wrong. I am thankful to say I have never recovered from that. I still study diligently with the desire to make my beliefs match Scripture instead of trying to weave Scripture to match my belief.

When I started honoring Sabbath it was with the best of intentions while knowing very little. I somehow missed the seventh-day thing and thought I could honor it whenever I wanted to. And so I did. Whatever day of the week I wanted to or could, I rested. I was doing my very best with what I understood to please God and seek Him. I am confident when we do that with a pure heart and humility He is faithful to reveal where we are off. God says that when we seek Him with all of our hearts we will find Him. He was so faithful to me when I did not deserve it. He honored my intentions and led me into truth. The odd thing is, I can genuinely tell you I experienced blessing from honoring Sabbath the best I knew how. Yet I am just as confident the LORD brought me into more accurate understanding. He is a good Father. That is my only explanation for His mercy and grace.

A couple of years (or so) later, I found teachings that talked about the feasts and the Sabbath and, suddenly, I understood that Sabbath was the seventh day of the week, patterned after God Himself. I made a big adjustment to my work schedule and have been doing my best to rest on the seventh day as God did ever since. It truly IS a blessing! It is a wonderful pattern for work and rest. It provides a peaceful and beautiful rhythm to our week. It strengthens my relationship with God, nurtures my relationship with my family, provides balance to my work and hobbies, and refreshes me when I would otherwise be exhausted. I want people to honor Sabbath because I have experienced the tremendous blessing that God has released in my life when I follow His patterns and commandments. Practically, it takes some planning. We work to have food prepped, chores are done, and everyone is ready for Sabbath to start. We honor it in the pattern of the Biblical day- from sunset to sunset. From sunset Friday evening to sunset Saturday evening we rest. Thankfully the LORD has provided an amazing time of fellowship with other believers on Friday evenings. That has been an incredible addition to Sabbath for us. I strive to have food prepped, our house somewhat clean, dishes and laundry caught up, and the trash taken out. As you journey through Scripture make note of what people seemed to do and what they seemed not to do on the Sabbath. It is the best way to learn!

Most importantly, remember Jesus' word's about Sabbath. "Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath." Sabbath was created FOR us.

I encourage you to go through Scripture as I did. I want the Lord to bring you to your own conclusion based on Scripture, not on what I say or believe. Here is a simple grouping of the feast days and a small area to take notes as you read about the Sabbath and God's feasts.

Yearly Feast Days

These are broken down into two groups. The spring feast days and the fall feast days. The spring feast days are at the beginning of the year on God's calendar, but on the Gregorian calendar, they fall in the March-June time frame. The fall feast days are in the seventh Biblical month and are in our September-October time frame on the Gregorian calendar.

Spring Feast Days

Passover/Unleavened Bread

Firstfruits

Pentecost/Festival of Weeks

Fall Feast Days

Feast of Trumpets

Day of Atonement

Feast of Tabernacles/Booths

 *Notes*

Explanation of Week in Review

When we live with the expectation that God will move in our lives, family, and surroundings, we live differently. Expecting the Holy Spirit to lead us, teach us, and guide us radically impacts each and every day of our life.

These three questions are asked at the weekly gathering our family is a part of. The two men who lead, Pat and Dave, ask these questions with the desire to get a response from everyone. The Church was never designed to be a passive group of on-lookers. These questions provide an opportunity to have each person share a testimony or something the Lord has given to them. It causes us to know one another more and to be vested in the lives of those around us.

Knowing that these questions will be asked at the end of my week challenges me to have an expectation that the LORD will give testimonies. Some weeks I have all three. Rarely have I ever not had one. When we live with expectation and seek after the face of God He shows up. I want to ask you these questions each week. I want you to live with that same desire that I live with. Find a group of believers who will ask and answer these with you. You will grow through the answers that your brothers and sisters in Christ receive from the Lord! You will read each day expecting the Lord to make the lessons come to life, and not simply to heap up knowledge of Scripture, but to be transformed by God!

Win-

What kind of victory have you had this week?! Perhaps it was hearing the Lord speak, sharing the gospel, leading someone to Christ, receiving a word of knowledge, obeying a task the Lord gave you.

Lesson-

Has the Lord taught you anything this week? Highlighted a hard truth to you perhaps? Given you a trial to count as joy? Connected Scripture to you in a new way?

Challenge-

Life isn't always easy! We bear one another's burdens. Have you had a struggle this week? Something you need to ask someone to pray with you over?

Week in Review

Please answer each of these questions. Ask the Lord to call to your memory the experiences and answers He has given you.

Win

Lesson

Challenge

Day 8

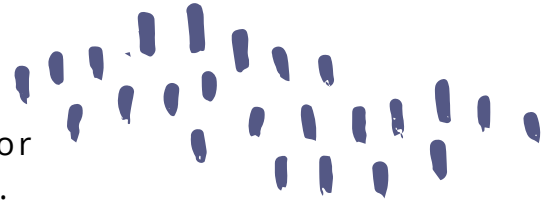
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Leviticus 24-25



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Philippians 1:9-11 for yourself and for a friend.
- Praise God through Psalm 145.



WRITE THE WORD

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers
6:22-24



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Forgiven"
by Crowder



Notes

Many of us are familiar with the term Jubilee. Please explain what a Jubilee year is based on Scripture.



Study Questions

1. What kind of oil was specified for use in the lamps? Was the oil for the bread specified?

2. Each loaf of bread was to be 8 cups of flour. How many loaves were to be presented? When was it to be set out?

3. What is a Sabbath year? How often did it occur? What was the purpose?

4. What provisions did God make for the poor? (25:35-42)

5. Compare and contrast redemption and Jubilee.

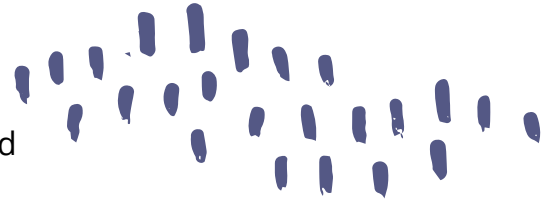
Perhaps you are familiar with Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7). In today's reading, we see something in Leviticus 24:17-22 that Jesus tweaks. He doesn't annul this law, but rather He calls those who receive wrong themselves to forgive instead of demanding justice. In Matthew 5:38-48 Jesus says not to resist an evil person. He does not say the person doing the wrong is innocent, but rather He calls the one who receives the wrongdoing not to retaliate. Per the Law, someone who received an injury had every right to return that injury. Tooth for tooth, eye for an eye. But Jesus raised the bar. He said not to resist an evil person, He said to love your enemies, He said to pray for those to persecute you. The standard is God. We are not simply to bring ourselves down to the level one an evil person, but rather to strive to be like our Father in Heaven. Jesus was a radical and wonderful teacher, He calls those who will listen to a higher standard.

<i>Day 9</i>
READ
Leviticus 26-27



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Psalm 139:23-24 and invite God to search you and know you.
- Praise the LORD with your whole heart. (Ps. 138:1)



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Yeshua"
by Let Us Worship

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What did God promise blessings for?
What did He say would bring curses upon Israel?



Study Questions

1. List several of the blessings God promised to His people if they would obey His commandments:

2. List some of the curses that would come upon the people if they would not listen and obey:

3. Please look up and write down the definition of "redeem".

Tithing is something most are familiar with. It is the idea of giving a tenth of what you have back to God. Many of us think of what we have is ours, and we give it to God. However, I want to challenge you to think of what you have as God's. He has actually given it to you. When we give to Him, we simply return to Him what is already His.

The tithe was for the Levites. It was God's provision for them. I want to challenge your doctrine on tithing and ask you to study it per Scripture. Generosity is a VERY important thing. I am asking you to make sure that you understand what the tithe was. (Strong's #4643)

The Israelites gave far beyond what was required of them. We will also see some surprising sections on tithing in Deuteronomy where a tithe was actually set aside for the person to whom it belonged to.

Many Christians today have little regard for the Mosaic Law because we understand we are not saved by keeping it. However, is it possible that blessing still follows God's commandments even if they are not for salvation?

Please look up 1 Corinthians 16:1-4. These verses are a beautiful reminder of generosity. It is also worth noting that the word for a week here is actually Sabbath. (You can study this verse by visiting StudyLight.org or the Blue Letter Bible app.)

Day 10

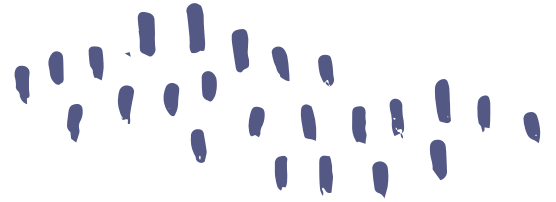
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Numbers 1-3



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray Matthew 6:9-13.
- Give thanks to the LORD for His love endures forever. (2 Chron. 20:21)



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "See a Victory" by Elevation Worship

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Who were the Levites? Why were they chosen to serve God and His people? Who were they a substitute for?



Study Questions

1. What age was a man eligible to serve? Who was not counted in this number? (1:45-50)

2. What tasks were the Levites appointed to?

3. What age were the Levites counted from? How were their tasks divided? (3:15)

The Levites were set apart to God because they rallied to Moses when the Israelites were worshipping the golden calf. Because the Levites were willing to kill their own people in favor of God's commandment, they were blessed and set apart from the other tribes of Israel. (Exodus 32:22-39) They were given no inheritance in the Promised Land because God said He would be the portion (Deut. 10:9). They were, however, given forty-eight towns/cities to live in from among the allotment of the other tribes. (Numbers 35:1-8). The tithes given to God were to be a part of their inheritance as a return for their work of serving God at the tent of meeting (Numbers 18:21) *For a more detailed breakdown of this visit BibleGateway Encyclopedia of the Bible and search "Levitical Cities".

The fact that the Levites chose God above all else showed the LORD that they were eligible to be in charge of helping the people keep God's commandments. When you see "Covenant Law" (NIV) the word here in Hebrew is Torah. The Levites were to help enforce the Torah. By their actions during the golden calf incident, they showed their value for the word of God. They were willing to see a human lose their life in favor of God's commandments being kept. That is a tough line of thinking to follow. God knew that if disobedient people were allowed to run rampant, His people would be drawn into sin. We see this later on in Israel's history. Many of the commandments God gave were punishable by death if they were broken. Jesus traded His very life as a ransom for ours.

Day 11

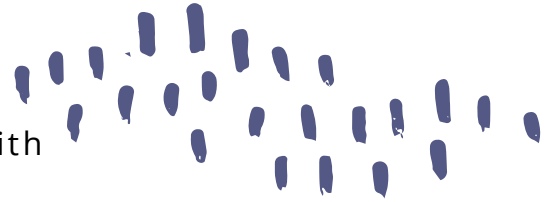
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Numbers 4-6



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray the Lord's Prayer with intention and meaning.
- Ask God to give you specific instruction through the Holy Spirit to obey today.



Please listen to and worship with "The Blessing"
by Kari Jobe

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

**Numbers
6:22-24**



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

We have been writing the blessing found in Numbers 6 daily. Who was to pronounce this blessing? What was the purpose? (6:27)



Study Questions

1. What was the serving age of the branches of Levites who worked in the tent of meeting? (4:34-49)

2. What was the test for a woman suspected of unfaithfulness? What feeling did it say he could do this for? What was required of him to do this? Remember, husbands were not likely to do this for no reason. It cost them something.

3. Explain the Nazarite vow.

4. Please look at Acts 18:18 and Acts 21:17-26. Who took a vow and participated in vows? Do you think these could have been Nazarite vows? Why or why not? What was the purpose of the vow in Acts 21?

Jacob is the first person who made a vow to the LORD. In Genesis 28:20-22, Jacob made a vow to God. His vow was contingent upon the LORD watching over him, providing food and clothing for him, and allowing him to return safely to his father's home. He pledged to give a tenth of all that God gave him back to God. In Genesis 31, the angel of God spoke to Jacob in a dream and identified Himself as the God whom Jacob had made a vow to at Bethel.

The Israelites were able to give vow offerings. The Nazarite Vow was a specific vow. Deuteronomy 23:21 says that they were not to delay paying their vows to God or it would be a sin.

When Hannah was asking God for a child she made a vow to give her son to the LORD all the days of his life.

We want to be careful not to make rash vows. In the book of Judges, there is a man who makes a vow to the LORD that is extremely tragic. Deeply consider before making a vow to the LORD, and be sure you fulfill it when you make one.

Day 12

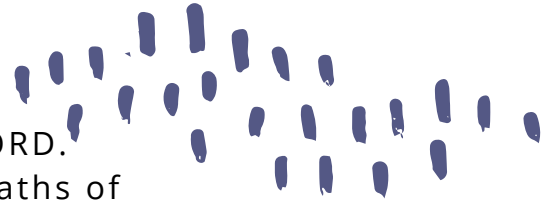
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Numbers 7-9



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD.
- Ask God to lead you in paths of righteousness for His namesake.



🎵 *Worship*

Please listen to and worship with "Worthy"
by Let Us Worship

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

How did the Israelites obey God by where they stayed and how long did they stay there? How did God show them when to move and when to stay?



Study Questions

1. It is easy to skip over the names of the men who led each tribe and what they offered. However, it is an honor to them that they are mentioned in Scripture. Their offering cost them something. Please write down the name of each man and what tribe they led.

2. When Moses entered the tent of meeting where did the LORD speak to him from? (7:89)

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3. Numbers 9 is the first celebration of Passover as a remembrance. What provisions were made for those who were unclean or away on a journey? How were they to celebrate? How were foreigners to celebrate Passover? Were there different rules for the native-born Israelite and the foreigner?

We may not have a cloud to follow God's direction in our life. Yet, we do have the Holy Spirit within us as a guide. Have you ever prayed about the direction for your life? Have you asked God where He wants you to live? Have you invited Him into the details of your life? If you haven't, set your heart to inquire of the LORD before you make decisions on your own. He wants to lead us, He is looking for those who will desire to see His kingdom come and to seek first His righteousness. The most joyful, exciting way to live your life is to allow the Holy Spirit to lead you. Asking God to direct your paths is not scary; it is the best adventure you will ever take. Like Jacob who vowed to worship God, when we vow to seek first the kingdom of God, He provides for our necessities.

Day 13

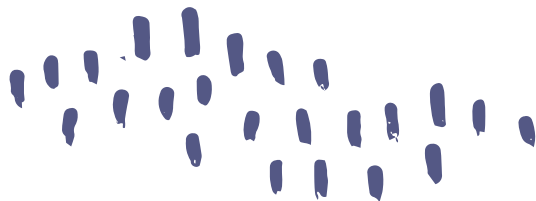
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Numbers 10-12



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Praise the holy name of the Lord.
- Thank Him for His steadfast love.
- Ask the LORD to try you and examine your heart and mind. (Ps.26:2)



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "I Can Only Imagine"
by MercyMe

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Moses is considered a man of great humility. We see this on many occasions throughout his life. How does he show humility in his response to Miriam and Aaron?



Study Questions

1. What was the purpose of the silver trumpets? When were they sounded?

2. What did Moses ask his brother-in-law to do? What did Moses promise him? (10:29-31)

3. How did the people of Israel respond to their hardships? What could they have done instead? What important detail did they forget to include about their life in Egypt?

Moses clearly had a special anointing from God. His position was not always well received. Joshua encouraged Moses to claim the exclusivity of the Spirit of God that he thought Moses deserved. Yet, Moses wished that all of the people would be prophets and have the Spirit on them. When Aaron and Miriam began to talk against Moses he responded with humility. He prayed for the people who had been slandering him. Have you ever had an experience like this? Moses, Aaron, and Miriam are referenced as leaders of the people together. These were not people that Moses didn't care about, they were not people who held no sway. Aaron and Miriam were Moses' brother and sister, and leaders with him. They spoke against Moses because of his wife. It is easy to put yourself in Moses' shoes here. And very difficult to imagine responding the way that he did.

You and I live with what Moses desired for all, the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is for all believers. There are different parts of the body of Christ, yet we are all told to earnestly desire the gifts of the Spirit. We are not to quench the Spirit or to despise prophecy.

Day 14

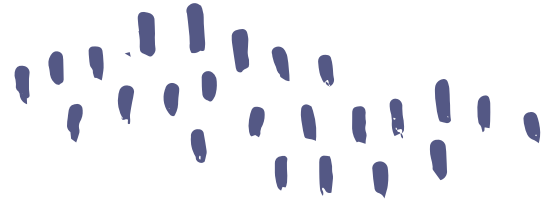
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Numbers 13-14



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask God to renew your mind in Christ.
- With thanksgiving, present your requests to God.



🎵 Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Jireh"
by Maverick City Music

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

How many days did the spies spy out the land of Canaan? How many years did the people wander in the desert? One year = 1 day.



Study Questions

1. What tribes were Joshua and Caleb from? What was Joshua's name before?

2. Whose idea was it to send the men to spy out the land?

3. What was the report that the spies brought?

4. Have you ever had a promise from God that looked impossible? Did you struggle to have faith that God could do what He said He could?

It is so easy for me to look at the Israelites and scorn their willful rebellion. And that is exactly what it was. They didn't accidentally doubt for a moment and rally to faith. They REALLY doubted. They doubted to a degree that they wanted to kill those who believed!

Sustained and serious doubt leads to disbelief.

Their doubt led them to stop believing what God had promised.

That kind of doubt causes people to die in the desert, to fail to reach the "land" that God has called them to. Although the Israelites physically lived this reality, you and I can spiritually live it if we fail to walk into what God has called us to. All Scripture was written for our instruction, to teach us, to encourage us, and so that we might have endurance and hope. (Drawn from Romans 15:4)

We literally learn the story of the Israelites as God's people. However, we also spiritually learn from their stories to apply them to our walk with God. We learn the way He wants those whom He has called to live. We learn that He does not tolerate grumbling, complaining, slander, and disbelief. We learn that He honors those who have faith and believe, even if they live among those who refuse to believe. Joshua and Caleb were blessed and rewarded for their faith. They are still held in high regard for their belief in God. May we be like Joshua and Caleb!

Week in Review

Please answer each of these questions. Ask the Lord to call to your memory the experiences and answers He has given you.

Win

Lesson

Challenge

Day 15

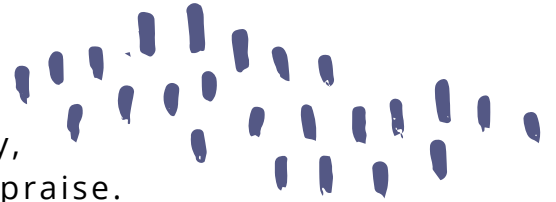
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Number 15-17



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Acknowledge God as holy, awesome, and worthy of praise.
- Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you and reveal the truth from God's Word.



Please listen to and worship with "Blessed Be Your Name"
by Tree63

**The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you
and give you peace.**

Numbers
6:22-24



WRITE THE WORD

What is the purpose of the tassels on the corners of the garments? What color are they to have? What is the purpose? Do you benefit from visual reminders? God wanted His people to be consecrated to Himself. If the Lord so leads you, consider wearing tassels. Not because we have to, but because they are a reminder to not chase your own heart and to instead be set apart to God and His good ways. Jesus wore tassels. Please read Matthew 9:20-22 and Luke 8:43-48. The word that is used for "edge" or "fringe" represents these tassels. Note they are not given for showing off, Jesus criticized the Pharisees for that in Matthew 23:5.



Study Questions

1. Were the native Israelites and the foreigners to have different laws? (15:16)

2. How serious was God about Sabbath day?

3. How did Moses respond when he was opposed?

4. What did those who were rebelling call Egypt? Was it Moses' fault they weren't going into the Promised Land?

5. What did Moses and Aaron cry out and say in Exodus 16:22?

6. How did God show His power to those who rebelled? Whose staff budded and produced almonds? Why?

Would you plead for the lives of those who rebelled against God's calling on your life? Would you intercede for your enemies? Do you intercede for your enemies? Jesus told us to pray for those who mistreat us. We see how Moses lived this example long before Jesus spoke as a man walking on earth. Jesus Himself took this attitude when He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do".

We can trust God to be the Judge and Executor of righteousness. We can simply stand in the gap for those who cannot pray for themselves. We can seek the face of God for mercy for those who do not know they need it. We can trust the Holy Spirit to draw all men unto Himself. Like the soldier who recognized that Jesus was the Son of God when he saw the power, we can rest in the assurance that when God in us is opposed we aren't fighting that battle. We are simply vessels for the power of the LORD. He will be holy and all-powerful. He will show who He is. Like Moses, we can rest in prayer for those who oppose.

Day 16

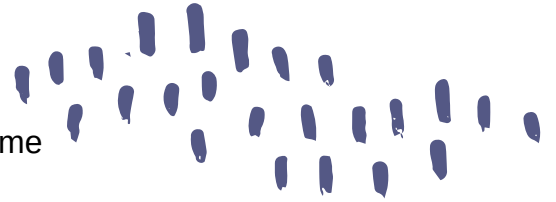
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Numbers 18-21



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask God that His mercy may come to you that you may live.
- Take a moment to be still and know that Yahweh is God. He will be exalted in the heavens and on the earth.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Yes I Will"
by Verticle Worship

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What did Moses do for the people when God sent venomous snakes among them? What did God tell Moses to make? Read John 3:14-15. What did Jesus say about himself? Why?



Study Questions

1. What did the LORD tell Aaron his share was? (18:20)

2. What were the Levites to do with what they received?

3. What was Moses and Aaron's response to the people complaining yet again? (20:6) What did the LORD tell them to do? What did they do instead? What was their punishment? What was the reason the LORD gave for this? (20:12)

4. Where did Miriam and Aaron die?

God's solution must never become our idol. Make note that God never told the people to worship the bronze snake. Looking at the bronze snake was an act of obedience and a foreshadowing of Jesus. Yet, it wasn't to be an idol. It may surprise you, but we read later in Scripture (2 Kings 18:4) that the people had been worshiping the snake that Moses made. They had named it and burned incense to it, in spite of the fact that the God who had given them healing through this has told them absolutely, positively not to do anything like this. They were to have no other gods! They were to worship nothing else and to make no form or image to worship. King Hezekiah finally destroyed this relic of history during his reign and it was a good thing.

God's solution of salvation became a source of idolatry for Israel.

I believe some of us do what the people of Israel did with the bronze snake with the cross of Jesus. We are not to worship the cross. Never are we told to look to the cross. We are to look to Jesus Himself. Be very cautious not to cross that line. Don't idolize the object (cross) that God used to place Jesus on to bring about salvation, Jesus is all we look to. History is not to be worshiped. The line of remembering can easily cross into revering. Guard yourself against this!

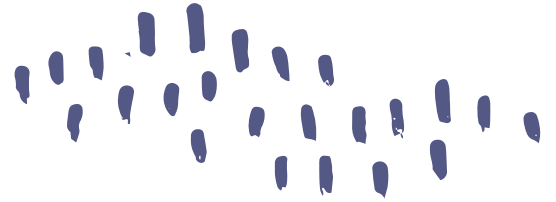
*Note: Some will say that our modern medical symbol of the snake on a pole comes from this. A quick internet search will reveal otherwise. Our medical symbol of today is in fact rooted in a Greek false god.

Day 17
READ
Numbers 22-25



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD, Yahweh.
- Ask God to let the words of your mouth be pleasing in His sight. Ask Him to give you clean hands and a pure heart.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "High and Lifted Up" by Let Us Worship

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Being yoked or joined to something/someone is important in Scripture. Today we read that some of Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. What does Jesus say about being yoked? (Matt. 11:29) What does 2 Corinthians 6:14 tell us about being yoked?



Mini Study- Words

Do words matter? YES! Very much. They matter so much that God went to great lengths to cause the words spoken over His people to be for blessing and not cursing. Because this is so significant, consider this a crash course on what God wants us to speak.

As I began to write this the LORD brought heavy conviction to my heart yet again over how I speak. James says that anyone who does not stumble in what they say is perfect and able to control their whole body. The very best way we can live when it comes to our words is with humility and the willingness to repent to God and others. When we stumble in what we say we must be quick to repent, quick to forgive others, and tender in our hearts to allow God to correct us for both of these actions.

If you have ever had the sad experience of having curses spoken over you, you understand the pain words can bring. They can literally shape identities. If we don't reject curses spoken over us in Jesus' name they can greatly impact who we are. We must also forgive those who have spoken wrongfully and hurtfully over us. We must forgive those who have cursed us. Words carelessly spoken are not an unforgivable sin, yet we should strive to have the words of our mouth be pleasing in God's sight. They should be rooted in truth and in love. Perhaps one of the most senseless sayings in our culture is "Sticks and stones may break my bones but words will never hurt me." Reject that saying as contrary to God's Word and please don't even bother teaching it to your children. I would be willing to say that more people are hurt by words than by sticks or stones!

Perhaps, like me, you will realize you have been both on the receiving and giving end of hurtful words. God is our healer. Both externally and internally. Come to Him humbly and ask Him to forgive you and heal you. Ask those you have hurt to forgive you. Ask God to heal you and forgive those who have hurt you.

Let's purpose to know how God wants us to speak. Let's purpose to be people who are willing to partner with God to speak life and blessing into our families and communities. We can help bring God's Kingdom to come and His will be done by the words of our mouths. We can allow the Holy Spirit to direct us and convict us in our words. If we allow Him to, He will guide us to be quick to hear, slow to speak, and slow to anger. He will give us gracious words that are like honey and He will remove bitterness and wrath from our mouths.

Study Questions

Balaam is a very interesting person in the Bible. He seemed to hear from the LORD and to have the ability to bless and curse. YHWH speaks to him. He calls YHWH his God. Yet, it is important to note that when the people from Balak came to him they brought a fee for divination. Divination is lumped with witchcraft and is an absolute no-no. To say the least, this story is confusing. We do learn the power of words through it. What is said matters. God cares very much about what is spoken over people. If it did not matter, why would the LORD not have simply allowed Balaam to speak the curses? As we dig further into Scripture on words we will also look at how Balaam is remembered.

1. Words matter. What kind of words are we told not to speak in Ephesians 4:29? How are we instructed to use our words?

2. Please read James 3:2-11 and James 4:11. Focus on James 3:9-10. What instruction is given?

3. 2 Peter 2:14-18 gives us an idea of what Balaam's situation was and details those who are like him. Explain what led him astray. What does verse 18 say about how these people speak? (Read all of 2 Peter 2 for best context.)

4. What does Jesus say about words in Matthew 12:33-27?

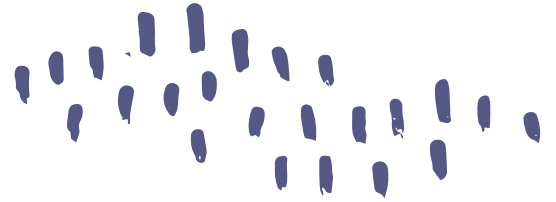
Further study: Proverbs 11:9, 10:18, 13:3, 18:7, 20:19 | Psalm 19:14, 34:13, 101:5, 141:3 | 1 Peter 2:1,3:9-10 | Ephesians 4:25,31

Day 18
READ
Numbers 26-29



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD, Yahweh.
- Ask God to let the words of your mouth be pleasing in His sight. Ask Him to give you clean hands and a pure heart.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Marked"
by Eddie James

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

How was property passed down through the Israelites? What is unique about Zelophehad's daughters? How did the LORD respond to their case?



Study Questions

1. What was Moses' request to the LORD about the people of Israel?
(27:16-17)

2. What did the LORD say about Joshua? What did He instruct Moses to do with Joshua?

3. What did Jesus say about the people in Matthew 9:36?

4. List all of the times that the LORD said the people were to present an offering to Him.

Occasionally as we study the Bible we will find certain verses that are translated in a variety of ways. Numbers 27:18 is one such verse. NIV says that Joshua had a "spirit of leadership". In Hebrew leadership is simply not there. Many versions translate this as Joshua had the Spirit. (some capitalize the S, some do not.). CJB translates this that Joshua was a "spiritual man". This is significant because we often think of people not being filled with the Spirit until Acts 2. Were there select people prior to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit whom God gave His Spirit to? We see people in the Old Testament who walk in an anointing from God that seems only possible with the Spirit. Perhaps we will never fully understand this on earth!

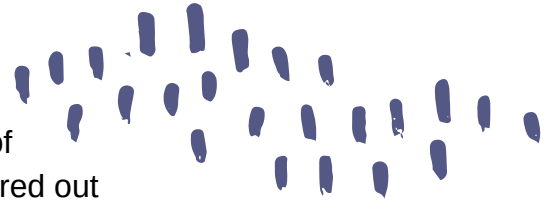
God told Moses to put some of his authority on Joshua so that the people might obey him. The Hebrew word for authority is "hod" (Strong's #1935). It is often translated as "splendor" and can also mean majesty or vigor. Authority is a faithful translation because the people heard and obeyed Joshua. Simply, how he was made them hear and obey.

Day 19
READ
Numbers 30-32



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Thank the LORD for the blood of Jesus, our Passover Lamb, poured out for our sins
- Ask the Lord how you can obey today.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Oh the Blood of Jesus" by Joshua Aaron

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

One of Moses' last assignments was to take vengeance on the Midianites. Who was killed during this? (31:8b) Why was Moses angry? (31:15-16)



Study Questions

1. What tribes asked for land before crossing the Jordan? Why? What did Moses make them agree to? (32)

Numbers 30 is an interesting chapter. Vows are clearly important, they should not be made rashly or without thought. Breaking a vow is wrong. Jacob is the first person in Scripture to make a vow (Gen. 28:20) and God clearly remembered the vow he made (Gen. 31:13). Perhaps what is most interesting is the relationship of women to the men they live with. We aren't given many clues, laws, or rules in the OT about the behavior of wives. We know that children are to honor their parents, this is one of the 10 Commandments. However, there is no such command for wives. Part of the curse of sin is that a woman's desire will be for her husband and he will rule over her. Is Numbers 30 part of that? Often we see extremes in the way that women are treated in culture and in the Church. We need to avoid the pitfall of extremes and ask good questions of Scripture. If we are faithful to hear and obey Scripture, we can see many guardrails around marriage and good functioning in the family and Church. Absolutely worth noting here is that women can make vows. There does not even seem to be a requirement that she ask her husband before making a vow, which shows a good deal of freedom on her part. Many times we have painted a very restricted picture of women in this time frame. It likely was much different from our modern, western world. However, there are also OT stories and clues that show a decision-making, strong, capable woman. A widow or divorced woman's vows stand. There is no one covering her that allows for her vows to be broken without wrongdoing on her part. The covering of a father or husband is a blessing. There is a small window of time in which a woman's husband or father can nullify her vow without bearing a consequence. If he does nullify her vow, she is released. This relationship actually allows for a transfer of wrongdoing if a woman's husband nullifies her vow later.

Day 20

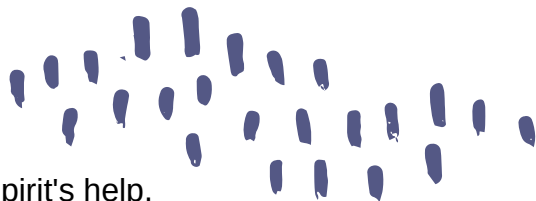
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Numbers 33-36



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Repent for grumbling and complaining. Pray for the Holy Spirit's help.
- Ask God to give you godliness with contentment, which is a great gain.
- Thank God for Who He is and for His mercy.



Please listen to and worship with "Raise a Hallelujah"
by Jonathan and Melissa Helser

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What were cities of refuge? Where were they to be? Who was and was not allowed to flee to them? *Note- the Hebrew word used to describe these cities is not the same word as when Scripture says things like God is our refuge, such as in Psalm 46:1.



Study Questions

1. When did the people march out of Egypt? How is their order defined? What was the attitude?

2. What did the LORD instruct Moses to say to the people when they were across from Jericho? What warning does the LORD give to them? (33:50-56)

3. What extra instruction was given about Zelophehad's daughters?

4. What was significant about the death of the high priest? (35:25-32)

The layers in the Torah that scream "JESUS!" abound. Today is another section that truly shouts Jesus. Jesus is our High Priest. His death was and is so significant. Blood atones for blood, as we read at the end of Numbers 35. Because the Israelites did not live perfectly, their land was defiled with blood. They defiled themselves because they did not obey God to completely destroy all that He instructed them to when they entered the Promised Land. They shed the blood even of their own children in sacrifice to the false gods of the nations they failed to drive out from the land that God gave them. The blood of Jesus to atone for all of the sins of all people forever is the only sacrifice that is acceptable. It is the only thing that can truly protect us from the vengeance of God that we deserve. Jesus died as our substitute, He perfectly accomplished every sacrifice, every element once and for all. He entered into the Holy of Holies by His own blood and now He intercedes for us. His blood is the forgiveness for our sins, He canceled our debt. The vengeance we were once entitled to we are entitled to no longer because of the immense debt that we owe to Jesus. (See: Matthew 18:21-35)

Day 21

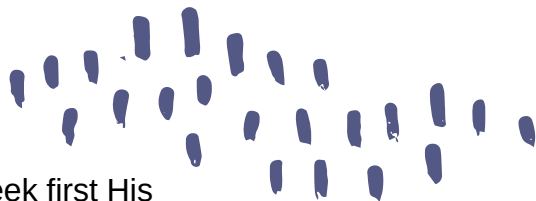
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Deuteronomy 1-4



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the name of the LORD.
- Pray that God will help you to seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness.
- Pray for wisdom, do not doubt!



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Promises"
by Naomi Raine

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD

Deuteronomy 1-3 reads a bit like a journal entry of the whole way the LORD had brought His people. Please take a moment to record your own mini overview of all the way the LORD has brought you.



Study Questions

1. What was the purpose of the commands and why did the people need to follow them? What did Moses say about adding to or taking away?

2. Why were the people still alive that day? (4:4)

3. What does Deuteronomy 4:13 say the covenant was?

Deuteronomy is such a wonderful book! The reminders and calls to remember to teach the next generation are simply priceless! It holds so many instructions like "always remember and never forget" and "impress this upon your children". We see the promise of blessing for obedience and the importance of passing on the heritage of knowing and loving the Lord to the next generation. Survival literally depends on it! It is truly no different for us. If we forget the Lord, if we stop following Jesus, we are doomed. If we do not faithfully teach our children and the next generation they may not choose Jesus for salvation. I challenge you to highlight every call to action and to apply them to your own life. Please, please always remember and never forget the LORD. Please don't become prideful, please do your very best with the help of the Holy Spirit to train your children in the way they should go. Raise them to serve the LORD, raise them to follow Him no matter the cost. These instructions were given "so that it may go well" with you and your children after you. Take to heart that God is one, there is no other. Seek Him with all of your heart and soul and live!

Week in Review

Please answer each of these questions. Ask the Lord to call to your memory the experiences and answers He has given you.

Win

Lesson

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Day 22

READ

Deuteronomy 5-8



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Start your time by acknowledging God is holy and worthy of praise. Seek His face.
- Ask God to pour out His Spirit upon you so that you can produce the fruits of the Spirit in your life today. (Galatians 5:22-26)



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Stand In Your Love"
by Josh Baldwin

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Deuteronomy 6:4-7 is called "The Shema". It is central to Jewish people and is likely something Jesus would have said many, many times in His life. Please look up the Hebrew word "schema" and write the definition.



Study Questions

1. Please compare and contrast the idea of obedience that stems from strict rules and obedience that stems from relationships.

2. When are we told to teach our children? Give specific examples of how this could be implemented in daily life.

3. Why did God forbid His people from intermarrying with the nations around them? (7:4)

4. What reminder is given in Deuteronomy 8:11? What is the risk of forgetting God and His commandments?

The Shema is an absolutely beautiful, central part of the Jewish faith. Remember, the Jewish people have the Old Testament but are still watching for the first coming of the Messiah as they do not believe that Jesus was the Messiah. Some Jewish people add much beyond Scripture and some add less. Messianic Jews are those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah! The Shema was and is important to both Jews and Christians. Jesus said the Shema was the most important commandment. The fact that Jesus placed such priority on this should cause us to want to honor and understand it. Please take a few minutes to sit still before the Lord and dwell on what it means to love Him with all of your heart, soul, and strength. Shema is translated as "hear", yet it is more than just hear. It is hearing that produces action.

Day 23

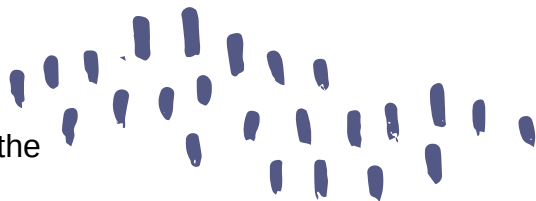
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Deuteronomy 9-13



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Join in saying "holy, holy, holy is the LORD God Almighty.
- Ask God to remove all distractions from your heart.
- Pray that there would be unity in the body of Christ.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Great Are You "
by All Sons and Daughters

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What mountains did God say were to have the blessings and curses? Please write one name on one side of this box, and one on the other. Make note of which was for blessing, which was for cursing. These were a very important visualization of opposite choices.



Study Questions

1. Please compare Deut. 11:18-21 with Deut. 6:6-9. What is repeated?

2. How is the Promised Land described in Deut. 11:10-12?

3. What were the people instructed not to do in Deut. 12:29-31?

Repetition is both poetic and practical. I believe in Scripture it is both. The play on words, the poetry of the Bible, and the patterns found in Scripture are sometimes missed in translation. However, many clues remain. You can be sure that as you study the Bible there will always be more layers to the Word. There is the most important and clear truth which we prioritize above all else, but make no mistake- there are treasures hidden in the text! (I recommend the Bema podcast if you are interested in going deeper into the layers of Scripture.) Throughout what we read yesterday and today I hope you noticed the repetition. The practical side of repetition is simple. The more you hear it, the more likely you are to remember it. We teach our children the same thing multiple times until they remember. Once we know they know, we hold them accountable. God is a good Father. He teaches, gives visual representations, repeats, clarifies, and when He is sure we know He does hold us accountable. The people of Israel knew they would be held accountable for their actions in the good land God was bringing them into. They were well taught. The question simply was: Will you obey?

Day 24

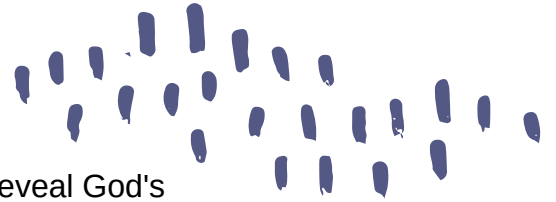
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Deuteronomy 14-18



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would help you to know the truth and reveal God's Word.
- Pray that the Lord would send workers in the harvest. (Matthew 9:38)



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Rattle"
by Elevation Worship

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What distinctions are made for what kinds of animals are clean and ok to eat versus the ones that are not? Why do you think God gave these instructions?



Study Questions

1. Please look at Acts 10. Was Peter's conclusion that the animals were clean or that the people of the nations (Gentiles) were clean?

2. What is considered sin in Deut. 15:9?

3. What instructions did God give about kings? (Deut. 17:14-20)

4. What instructions were given about prophets? What were the rules/perimeters around prophets? (Deut. 18:15-22)

5. How are we to know if a word spoken is truly from the Lord? (Deut, 18:21-22)

Have you ever had a dream or vision? Many times God will use certain things to represent other things. Jesus did this again and again in parables. I am going to share a personal example of this. God once gave me a prophetic dream in which people were represented by carrots and kale. In time, the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the carrots and kale symbolized people. Several years later this dream came unmistakably true. Carrots and kale were just something used to represent a spiritual point. Carrots and kale were not in and of themselves what my dream was about, they were just something the Lord used to represent something so much more important. We must ask ourselves if God intended to call the people, the animals, or both clean in Acts 10? You can be sure that both Peter and Jesus observed the "dietary laws" found in Deuteronomy 14. There is no record in Scripture that Peter started eating unclean food, and there is much to say that he started to consider the Gentiles clean through Jesus!

Day 25

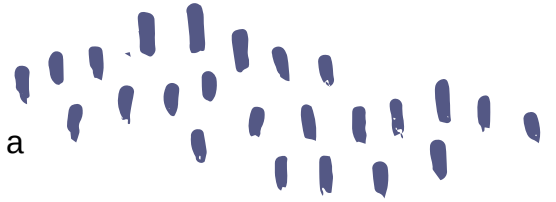
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Deuteronomy 19-22



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask the LORD to help you to live a life consecrated to Him.
- Pray that God's Kingdom would come and His will would be done on earth as it is in heaven.



Worship

Please listen to and worship with "Wait on You"
by Elevation

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

As you become more familiar with the Torah, what are the biggest differences you see between the covenant made with Moses and the Israelites and the New Covenant made in Jesus' blood?



Study Questions

1. What was the purpose of the cities of refuge? How many were there?

2. How many witnesses were needed for a conviction? (Deut. 19:15)

3. Please read Matthew 26:59-61. How many witnesses testified against Jesus? What was their testimony against Him? Why were two witnesses required?

4. In Deuteronomy 21:15-17 we see a commandment about a man who has two wives. How is that different from the instructions men are given in the New Testament? (1 Corinthians 7)

5. Because of the culture we currently live in this commandment is worth highlighting. What does Deuteronomy 22:5 say?

Knowing the commandments is important. There are those who try to take them and use them as accusations beyond what they say. A great example of this is the mixing of fabrics and boiling a goat in its mother's milk. Interesting and random commands, yet ones that I see people often level as accusations. Be careful not to add to God's commandments. It is worth noting that in every instance I can think of- including sacrifice- the New Testament raises the bar, not lowers it. Jesus many times took things to the heart issue and required forgiveness instead of revenge. Jesus became a sacrifice better than that of bulls, goats, and lambs, He did not do away with sacrifice. He became THE SACRIFICE. Jesus did not come to make it so we live free of any and all constraints on our behavior. He died to forgive us for where we fail and to call us to follow His perfect example. He ascended to heaven to send His Spirit to dwell within us and enable us to obey.

Day 26

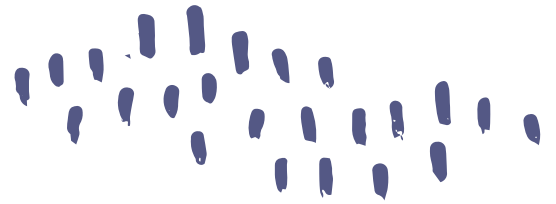
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Deuteronomy 23-27



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Ask the LORD to help you find complete satisfaction in Him.
- Examine yourself and ask God to show you any offensive way within you. Repent of anything He shows you.



Please listen to and worship with "Stand in Your Love" by Bethel Music

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Based on today's reading, what stands out to you as ways that these commandments teach about loving your neighbor?



Study

Divorce is a sad topic. It is always laden with pain and often comes with a host of personal experiences and emotions. Culture, like many things, accepts divorce. What does God say? I want to speak about this in a tender way knowing that perhaps many who read will have been personally involved in a divorce or come from a broken home. If that is your story I want to say I am sorry. The pain of brokenness in our world can only be soothed by the grace of Jesus. Like the woman at the well, please know that no one is too far gone, divorced too many times, or in a place where Jesus cannot reach them. What the Bible instructs, it instructs for our good and protection. How can God love something that hurts so many? How could He love something that rips apart what He has joined?

I know personally, firsthand, the bad advice that exists in Christian circles over this. I've had it dished out to me by those who should have known better. Our marriage has not ended only because of the grace of God and the truth of Scripture that allowed me to push back the lies of the enemy. God's Word DOES talk about this. A lot. Even if you are a Christian who is married to an unbeliever, God's Word offers hope to you! Being unequally yoked isn't a reason to get a divorce. I know, scandalous. Go ahead and drop the mic- be sure to check the Bible after.

I want to take a moment to explain, to the best of my ability, divorce in Scripture. First of all, it is allowed. Second, it isn't God's ideal and He hates it. It is allowed because people's hearts are hard. A provision is made for divorce and often within that, there is a protection for women (as we read today). Adultery is on another playing field. In the Old Testament, Adultery that was proven by two or more witnesses would have resulted in the death of the person who committed adultery, thereby leaving their spouse Biblically free to marry again. Jesus offers some radically refined views on divorce. He doesn't seem "cool" with it and He doesn't make provision for remarriage (except perhaps when adultery is involved). Paul speaks about divorce (1 Corinthians 7). Peter speaks about marriage (1 Peter 3). Perhaps as you have noticed, the Torah has a good deal to say about it. If you remember, back in Numbers 30 when vows are spoken of, divorced women and widows are spoken of together on their responsibility to fulfill their vows without a man having a say in their vow.

Study Questions

We know that Jesus was a radical. He didn't condemn the woman caught in adultery but told her to go and sin no more. He stated the reality of the woman at the well who had five husbands and was living with a man she wasn't married to, yet He also allowed her to bring the Good News about Him to her town. Jesus speaks against divorce but He met people who were in a mess right where they were. I don't know what can make us fall more in love with Jesus than seeing Him hold the very best standard, uphold God's design of one man and one woman coming together into one flesh in marriage, yet still show compassion and mercy to those who have slipped outside of that perfect design. We can trust that Jesus knows the ideal. We know that when we walk with Him our life is filled with blessing and peace. But praise the Lord God is rich in mercy and has great love for those of us who have failed at the ideal! If you've made mistakes hear Jesus saying to you, "Go and sin no more. Go and share the good news!"

Your broken marriage, your past sin, your addiction, your history you cringe to think of anyone knowing isn't too much for the Lord and He already knows. He is simply waiting for you to fall at His feet and to be astounded when He doesn't declare the condemnation you know you deserve. Know that He has already lovingly said, "There is therefore now no condemnation in Christ Jesus." (Romans 8:1)

When we confess our sins to God He is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9) You can boldly say that divorce is not God's ideal even if you've been divorced. You can live confidently knowing that God forgives the brokenness of your story.

1. Why do we know that remarriage happened in the OT? (Deut. 24:1-4)
What was prohibited? Why?

2. Please read Matthew 19:1-13. What did Jesus say that differed? Why?

Day 27

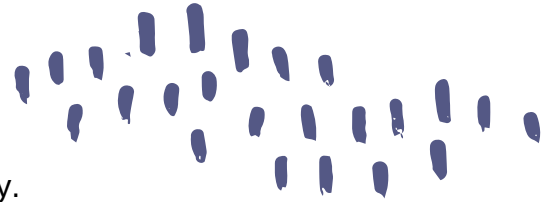
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Deuteronomy 28-30



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Bless the Name of the LORD.
- Invite the Holy Spirit into your day.
- Ask the Lord to help you to do everything with His strength and without complaining.



Please listen to and worship with "Praise You In This Storm" by Casting Crowns

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

Is it hard for you to imagine God bringing curses on someone? Why or why not? Is it easier for you to believe Him for blessings?



Study Questions

1. Please sum up today's reading.

2. Please compare Deut. 19:18 with Hebrews 12:15. What connections do you see? (This reads really well in NIV and the connection is clear. It is a faithful rendering when tested to the original languages.)

3. Was what God commanded too difficult? What description did God give to His people in Deut. 30:11-14?

4. Two witnesses is an important Biblical truth that can be traced throughout Scripture, all the way into Revelation. What two witnesses did God call against His people?

What does it mean to be holy? It is to be set apart. Not common, not like all of the rest. We are holy to God. Set apart from the people who do not worship Him. Turning away from serving God or "exploring" other religions is a bitter root. A person among us who questions if God is the only God and the one way is a bitter root that may grow up and cause many to become defiled. I don't know about you but, I always read Hebrews 12:15 to be about my own heart becoming bitter at someone for something they did to me. After realizing the close parallel between Deuteronomy and Hebrews over this, my understanding has shifted slightly. A heart turned away from the Lord is the bitter poison. We are to make every effort to live at peace with everyone and to be holy and set apart. We must grasp onto the grace of God so that we do not allow our hearts to turn away and neglect the blessing that is ours in Christ.

Day 28

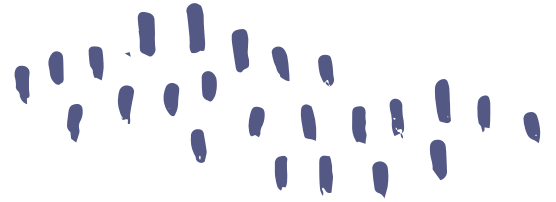
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Deuteronomy 31-34



BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

- Pray that the LORD would cause you to behold His glory with reverence and awe.
- Ask God to help you to sustain a love for His Word.



Please listen to and worship with "Too Good to Not Believe" by Bethel

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

Deuteronomy
6:4-7



WRITE THE WORD



Notes

What do you feel is the subject of the majority of the songs you know and sing? Have you ever sang a song like Moses' song?



Study Questions

1. How old was Moses when he spoke? (31:1) Who was to follow him in leading?

2. What did Moses tell Joshua? (31:7-8)

3. What did Moses intend the people to do with his words? (32:44-47)

4. What did Moses do for the people before his death? (33:1) Why didn't Moses get to enter the promised land? (32:48-52)

5. Where did Moses die and what was said about him? What did the LORD do for him before he died? (34:1-7)

There is no God like our God! In Him we can rest secure, we are shielded by Him and take refuge in His love. Remember that God is one. Jesus whom we love and serve is one with Yahweh. The Holy Spirit whom we are filled with is one with Yahweh. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He makes new covenants, but He doesn't change. His character and definition of sin is the same from Genesis to Revelation. Resist the temptation to try to bring God to your own level, His understanding is unfathomable. The Torah is a foundation that the rest of Scripture honors, believes, teaches, and tells the story of. You will hear it referenced and repeated throughout the entire Bible. God's Word never returns void and all of it is useful for teaching, correcting, and training in righteousness. It equips us for battle and we go on the offensive against the enemy with it written on our hearts and minds. Look to Jesus the Author and Perfector of our faith, learn from Him for He is gentle and humble. In Him, we find rest for our souls as we imitate Him in His compassion, love, and obedience to God and love for others.

Week in Review

Please answer each of these questions. Ask the Lord to call to your memory the experiences and answers He has given you.

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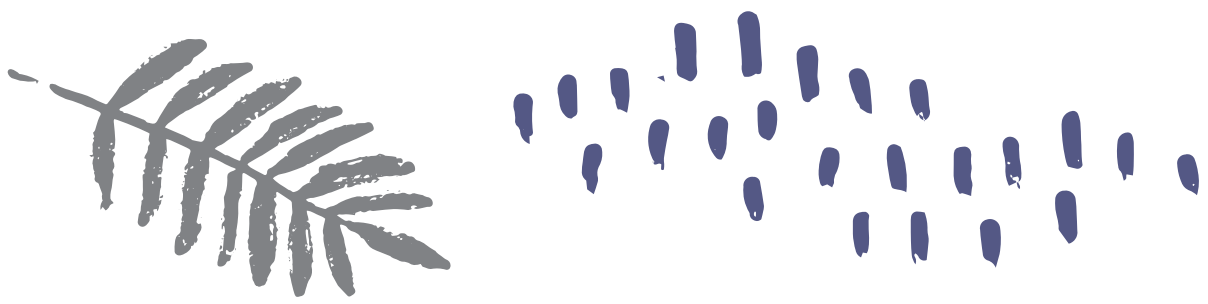
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*Thank you so much for
completing this study!*

I hope and pray that the Lord blessed you through your time in His Word. I pray that your mind will be renewed daily by the truth of Scripture and the power of the Holy Spirit. Continue in the study habits you have created. Our relationship with God is not a study book or a program. It's as essential as air, water, and food. We must read the Bible and seek daily to live for His kingdom come and desire His will to be done. Ask God to help you to cultivate a hear and obey lifestyle. Be willing to say yes to God!



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